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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO ZOOS AND WILDLIFE WINGS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide medical care and health investigation facilities to Indian Zoos and Wildlife Wings of various State Governments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the assistance provided by the Government for strengthening diagnostic facilities in the existing centres during 2006-07;

(d) whether the number of veterinary institutions/ universities providing disease diagnostic facilities are sufficient to meet the requirement of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to increase such veterinary institutions/universities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (f) Central Zoo Authority provides funds for creation and improvement of veterinary facilities including disease diagnostic facilities across the country in recognized public sector Zoos and Veterinary departments / institutes, viz. at Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Anand (Gujarat), Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Chennai (Tamil Nadu). The Central Zoo Authority has provided financial assistance to the Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, Chennai to the tune of Rs. 1,19,693/- during the financial year 2006-07 for strengthening the diagnostic facilities.

In addition, the Central Zoo Authority has also established a National Referral Centre at the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly for providing super specialty services and diagnostic facilities to all Indian Zoos.

The above facilities are adequate to meet the current requirements.